IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 through 70 were cancelled.

Claim 71 (Previously presented): A method for determining and signaling content quality of preexisting independently created digital data independent of a user, between at least two digital devices including a digital source and a digital receiver, the preexisting independently created digital data having a plurality of data records, each of the plurality of data records having a plurality of data fields, the method comprising the following steps:

    accessing remotely the preexisting independently created digital data;

    analyzing the quality of the content of preexisting independently created digital data to determine quality of the content without user interaction;

    grading results of the analysis without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data and without user interaction, the grade indicative of the quality of the content of the preexisting independently created digital data using at least one or more predefined sets of criteria; and,

    marking the preexisting independently created digital data with the grading results in at least one form without changing and without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data;

    wherein a first digital receiver without user interaction dynamically evaluates the marked grade of the preexisting independently created digital data without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data to determine suitability from the marked grade for subsequent use of the preexisting independently created digital data.

Claim 72 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 further comprising the step of:

    remarking the grading results in at least one form without changing and without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data and without

user interaction, the remark indicative of the quality of the content of the preexisting independently created digital data using at least one or more different predefined sets of criteria;

whereby another digital receiver without user interaction can independently determine from the remarked grade for another subsequent use of the preexisting suitability digital data without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data.

Claim 73 (Previously presented):   The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 further comprising the steps of:

regrading the results of the analysis without accessing the preexisting independently created data;

marking the preexisting independently created digital data with the regrading results in at least one form without changing and without accessing the preexisting data, the mark of the regrading results indicative of the quality of the content of the preexisting digital data using at least one or more different predefined sets of criteria;

whereby another digital receiver can independently determine suitability from the mark of the regrading results for another subsequent use of the preexisting digital data without accessing the preexisting digital data.

Claim 74 (Previously presented):   The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 further comprising the step of:

associating a portion of a file name to the marking.

Claim 75 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 wherein the quality of the content corresponds to a particular data field of the plurality of data fields.

Claim 76 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 wherein the quality of the content corresponds to a particular record of the plurality of data records.

Claim 77 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 wherein at least one of the one or more predefined sets of criteria is a predefined function.

Claim 78 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 wherein at least one of the one or more predefined sets of criteria accesses an independent database.

Claim 79 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 wherein at least one of the one or more predefined sets of criteria for determining the quality of the content is an externally defined function.

Claim 80 (Previously presented): The method for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 wherein the mark is a numeric value, a color, or a Boolean.

Claim 81 (Previously presented): A system for determining and signaling content quality of preexisting independently created digital data independent of a user, between at least two digital devices including having a digital source and a digital receiver, the preexisting independently created digital data having a plurality of data records, each of the plurality of data records having a plurality of data fields, the method comprising the following steps:

     analysis means for analyzing the quality of the content of preexisting independently created digital data to determine quality of the content without user interaction;

     grading means for grading the results of the analysis without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data and without user interaction, the grade indicative of the quality of the content of the preexisting independently created digital data using at least one or more predefined sets of criteria; and,

     marking means for marking the preexisting independently created digital

data with the grading results in at least one form without changing and without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data;

wherein a first digital receiver without user interaction dynamically evaluates the marked grade of the preexisting independently created digital data without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data to determine suitability from the marked grade for subsequent use of the preexisting independently created digital data.

Claim 82 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 71 further comprising:

remarking means for remarking the grading results in at least one form without changing and without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data and without user interaction, the remark indicative of the quality of the content of the

preexisting independently created digital data using at least one or more different predefined sets of criteria;

whereby another digital receiver without user interaction can independently determine suitability from the remarked grade for another subsequent use of the preexisting digital data without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data.

Claim 83 (Previously presented):   The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 further comprising:

regrading means for regrading the results of the analysis without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data;

second marking means for marking the regrading results in at least one form without changing and without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data and without user interaction, the second mark of the regrading results indicative of the quality of the content of the preexisting independently created digital data using at least

one or more different predefined sets of criteria;

whereby another digital receiver without user interaction can independently

determine suitability from the second mark of the regrading results for another subsequent use of the preexisting digital data without accessing the preexisting independently created digital data.

Claim 84 (Previously presented):   The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 further comprising:

      associating means for associating a portion of a file name to the marking.

Claim 85 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 wherein the quality of the content corresponds to a particular data field of the plurality of data fields.

Claim 86 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 wherein the quality of the content corresponds to a particular record of the plurality of data records.

Claim 87 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 wherein at least one of the one or more predefined sets of criteria is a predefined function.

Claim 88 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 wherein at least one of the one or more predefined sets of criteria accesses an independent database.

Claim 89 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 wherein at least one of the one or more predefined sets of criteria for determining the quality of the content is an externally defined function.

Claim 90 (Previously presented): The system for determining and signaling content quality as recited in claim 81 wherein the mark is a numeric value, a color, or a Boolean.